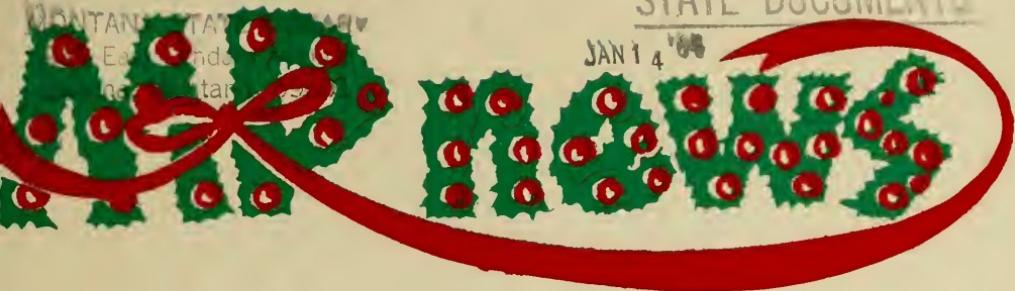


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As you know an old-fashioned Christmas is easy to remember. But it is much more difficult to reproduce.

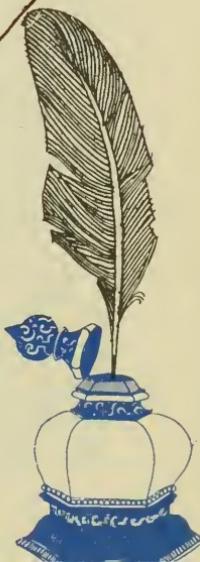
## Ye Olde Editors Desk

Z. Snow



The Holiday Season is once more with us. This period is perhaps the most difficult of all for most inmates. It is a time spent reminiscing and dreaming. It is quite easy for us to visualize Scrooge's visitations by Christmas Past, Present and Future. Generally, it is only the present that doesn't look good to us.

This year, for the first time in several years, inmates are again able to send their children gifts from the prison toy shop. This was done through the co-operation of the Prison Jaycees, the prison administration



and the local Jaycee chapters throughout the state.

For men earning an average of 20¢ a day it is sometimes quite difficult to feel much of a Christmas spirit when they know their own children are not going to have any gifts from them, or perhaps no presents at all, and that there is nothing they can do to alter the situation.

It is all well and good to moralize that "they should have thought of that before they got in trouble," but "if the shoe was on the other foot," people would learn that this type of philosophizing only causes most inmates to become more bitter.

During the 16th Century felons were branded on the cheek for all the world to recognize at a glance as a man who was not to be trusted. 32 years after this practice was instituted it was stopped. The branded men had become the most violent group of enemies society had ever encountered.

Today men are branded in a more subtle way. There is no scar on their cheek or hand but they carry with them no matter where they go the stigma of having been a loser. As an ex-convict jobs are difficult to come by. Membership in most organizations is withheld from them. Their families are ostracized and their children taunted by their schoolmates. When a crime is committed they are the first under suspicion; the result being that frequently they are held, lose their jobs and resort to crime.

If all this is to be changed and prisoners are to be treated like people, society will have to begin to practice their Christmas spirit and Christian virtues all year round rather than just on the one or two occasions set aside by their faith each year.

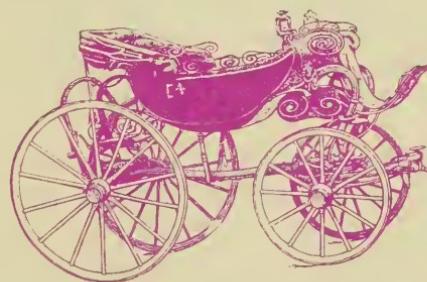
Prisoners will have to learn that being suspicious and bitter is not going to help them. That only by applying themselves to obeying the laws of society will they be able to live in society. Mental defectives will have to be placed in another category and not treated as convicts, but as patients.

When the legislature convenes this January there will be many new laws governing crime, criminals and convicts. on the calendar. Perhaps after discarding many of the old laws, and acceptance of only the best of the new a more modern penal code will emerge in Montana.

Mr. Maurice Harmon, Director of Montana's newly established Board of Institutions, recently told a group in Glasgow, "bricks and mortar are not enough. A career service is necessary covered by some sort of merit system. Treatment and rehabilitation is of first importance at all our state institutions based on human needs and human dignity."

He said, "every community in the state needs to develop a conscience so that "out of sight out of mind" doesn't become the attitude of the state. Treatment not warehousing of human problems is more economical as well as more humane. If the individual's problems are not solved, the community bears the brunt of the attack. The institutions cannot help."

If this attitude were the attitude of everyone, the Christmas spirit would be one which reigned 365 days a year and the Golden Age would be at hand.



#### AN AGE OLD PROBLEM

100 years ago the Alder Gulch, Montana Post editorialized about juvenile jail inmates and the need for proper outlets for the young people. Mentioned were lectures, singing schools and debating societies.

# BOOT HILL

Opinion seems to be divided about being buried on prison soil; some men saying, "man, when your dead your dead and what possible difference could it make where your buried"; and others who feel, "just the stigma of being relegated to a prison plot is enough to give me a queasy feeling."

For many years the prison cemetery was left to nature to care for. Markers became obliterated, stones and weeds overran the graves. Although it was seldom spoken of, it was much regretted by the men who knew and were contemporaries of, many of the inmates buried there.

For those who have been buried in the prison cemetery it undoubtedly makes very little difference. If its possible, perhaps they even enjoy being surrounded by old friends who have shared a common fate. But for those who were serving many years and stood a larger chance of being planted in "boot hill" it was always with some trepidation that they passed it.

In 1963 Warden Ellsworth put a crew to work cleaning up the old cemetery. A plat was made, stones were removed, top soil laid down and graded, grass was planted and a sprinkler system installed. Today the field is as green and pleasant looking as any at Hillcrest, the Deer



One of the older head stones.

Mt. Powell overlooks cemetery.



Lodge cemetery, just below it.

National records indicate that 2% of the inmate population will die in prison. In Montana it is less than half that number but over the years the field has grown a good deal.

Some of the markers on the graves date back to the old Territorial Prison days. In recent years there have been no markers placed on the graves at all. But beginning this Spring concrete blocks will again be made to mark the spot where men have been laid to rest after paying in full their "debt to society."

Men who are on the critical list are often taken to Warm Springs or Galen where medical treatment is more adequate. The idea that they are sent there so that the prison record of deaths will not be so large is a hold over from the days when wardens were afraid that a large death rate may jeopardize their job.

When death is imminent, the prison chaplain or padre is notified, and all those on the man's visiting and correspondence list are notified. If the body is not claimed by the man's family he is then buried in the prison plots.

Collections are usually made by the inmates for flowers and, (as in the case of John Keel) sometimes enough is collected to purchase a marble headstone.

After more than ninety years Boothill has finally become a cemetery and the ex-convicts are buried with respect and dignity.



# Christmas?

*Larry Dewey*



Christmas is a strange time of year. Supposedly it is a day set aside to celebrate the birth of a man called Jesus Christ. It was originally a pagan celebration of the Mithraic cult.

Today, even the staunchest atheist in the supposedly Christian world celebrates this holiday. Why?

First, it is a long standing tradition; older by far than the Christian religion. We tend to do and believe what our parents do and believe; and they followed their parents. Thus a long chain of ancestry presents us with a superstitious observance that has grown into a sentimental exchange of good-will on a world-wide scale.

It is too bad that more of us do not keep this spirit of good-will the other 364 days of the year. Instead, we all seem like Ebenezer Scrooge, in A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, to say, "I help to support the prisons and workhouses - they cost enough - and those who are badly off must go there."

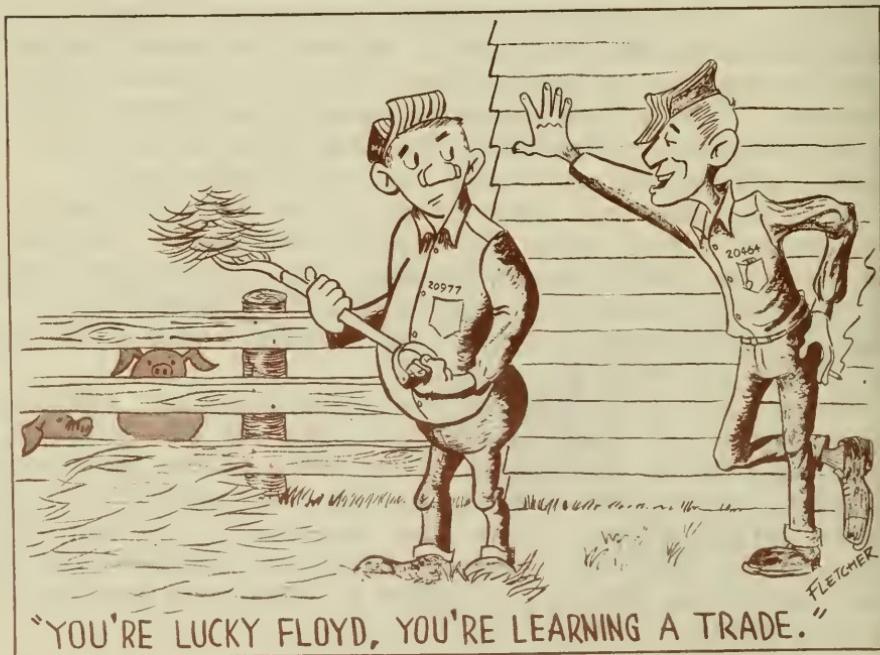
To both the religious and the non-religious, this day is symbolic of the rebirth of light out of darkness, knowledge out of ignorance. The truth of the man whose birth is celebrated on this day is the truth of all the great philosophers, "Love one another!" To show this "Love," on this day everyone from the skid-row bum to the convict in prison is given a sumptuous meal and a bag of candy.

All the great philosophers -Socrates, Plato, Aristotle Buddha, Jesus Christ - have stated. "What you would have others do unto you, do even so unto them." They said this in a thousand ways, but mankind still has yet to learn the great lesson. This is the great reason for Christmas, a day to re-mark the great ideal.

Christmas is a special music, gifts wrapped gaily - placed underneath the Christmas tree, candles, gaily tinkling bells, spirits - alcoholic and otherwise, an increase of church ceremonials, people rededicating themselves to the Spirit of Christmas, the wide-eyed, open-mouthed laughter of children, department store Santa Clauses, and a thousand other manifestations of this special feeling of yuletide.

Of course, after Christmas we have to pay our bills. Banks and loan companies are about the only ones that enjoy this part of Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Averageman grimly vow they will never become this extravagant again. But next Christmas, they'll do it all over again, and enjoy it just as much as they did this year.

So with relief, we might all remark, as Tiny Tim did, "God Bless us, everyone!"



# One Small Tear

by Frank E. Johnson, Jr.

The petals of sweet sleep encompassed me,  
While pondering o'er some vague and mundane thought.  
And in a dream I saw humanity  
Devoured by the fears their knowledge wrought.

In helplessness I witnessed the array,  
Of gleaming missiles, motionless as death.  
While my heart throbbed it's cords of bleak dismay  
That stilled the urge to breathe another breath.

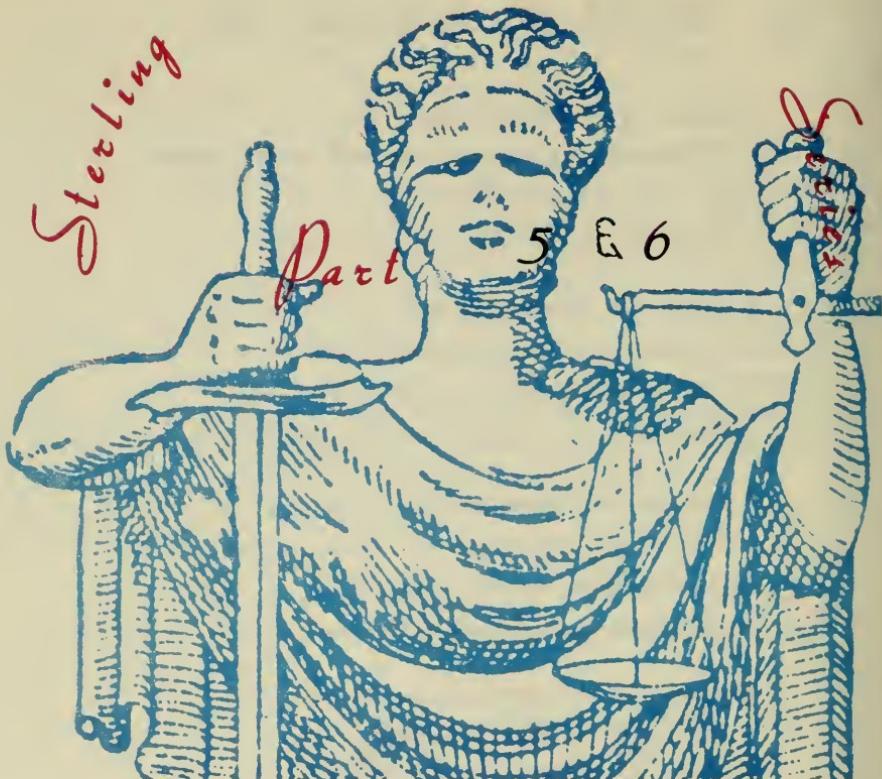
I gazed upon each aging-mortal face,  
Anticipating future grief and pain.  
As Couriers of woe rushed into space  
Leaving my soul with horror and disdain!

Bowing my head to hide the waves of shame  
As I saw human minds become defiled  
These visions slowly fled, and soon I came  
To recognize the features of a child

An infant child, the teacher of mankind.  
If I could taste but one small-salty tear  
I would have tasted all men's worth combined,  
That lived after His death two-thousand years!

Sadly aware my dreams time must revoke,  
I knelt and kissed the Saviour's cheek divine.  
And doing this, quite slowly I awoke  
To find the tears I tasted to be mine!

# Lecture



by James V. Bennett Dir.  
U. S. Bureau of Prisons

## THE FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

In view of the many obstacles and difficulties Mr. Bennett proceeded to explain the Federal Prison System which was attempting to cope with the ever-increasing complexities of modern penology:

"The Federal Prison System is the largest organization of its kind in the world."

". . . there are 31 penitentiaries, reformatories, camps and jails with an aggregate population now of 22,600, and 1,000 in the narcotics hospitals, and of the

thousands in county jails 2,000 are federal prisoners, making a grand total of about 25,600 under our custody. These do not include the prisoners who complete their sentences in the Army or Navy disciplinary barracks."

"The institutions vary in character from the maximum security and widely publicized institution at Alcatraz to camps, like the one at Tucson, where the men build roads and cut timber with little custodial supervision. The older Federal penitentiaries at Atlanta, Leavenworth and McNeil Island are used for the confinement of offenders with a long history of criminality. The newer penitentiaries at Lewisburg and Terre Haute receive the more hopeful of the mature offenders. Then we have several correctional institutions where short term offenders are sent. Youthful offenders are placed in our reformatories where they are given trade training and everything possible is done to equip them to lead later self-reliant and law abiding lives.

". . . we are carrying on an interesting experiment in a new type of open institution at Seagoville near Dallas, Texas... The institution has about 15 percent of the men in completely self-governing housing and upwards of 50 percent of the men work without any custodial supervision. The remarkable aspect of this institution is that the prisoners are not carefully selected or so-called trusties or honor prisoners. Well over two thirds of them come directly from the courts and are run-of-the-mine auto-theft cases, forgers and other violators of Federal statutes. Some are serving long terms and there are a few lifers at the institution.

"This experiment is proving that our criteria for determining that a prisoner is a dangerous and serious menace as long as he is under sentence needs a lot of revision... Moreover, it indicates that prisoners will respond to a program which actually carries out the oft stated belief that there is treasure in the heart of every man if you can but find it.

#### THE PATTERN FOR REHABILITATION

Concerning rehabilitation Mr. Bennett felt that the federal system had made considerable progress in this field.

"A complete case history is made on each man or woman showing his record, his family life, his education, his

mental capacity and his physical characteristics. Then an evaluation of his capabilities and potentialities is made by the entire institutional staff. Our classification committee consists of the heads of all major departments..."

"Our case workers keep the machinery for observation of the individual moving and develop goals for him while he's in the institution. Also, as early as possible, they plan for his release. . ."

To give his audience some idea of how involved and complicated a rehabilitative program can become when dealing with the amorphous characteristics of a prison's population, Mr. Bennett cited the case of a bank robber who, through subtle forms of rationalization, had convinced himself of the rightness of his crime:

"Just stop to think, supposing everybody in the world were honest and there were no bank robbers. Why, first of all you would be out of a job, and after you, the judges and large segments of lawyers and policemen would be out of a job, and the locksmiths and the safemakers would be out of a job---and most banks would have to close up. If there were no banks, then there would be no money to loan to keep our economic wheels moving. The logical thing, since I have never robbed any bank that wasn't insured and since I'm a sort of catalytic agent, is to let me go out and thus keep this whole scheme of yours going."

Faced with these types of deeply seated mental problems an effective rehabilitation program requires the necessary funds to command high calibre personnel and facilities to provide constructive work for inmates. Until such facilities are available most prisons will remain as Mr. Bennett described them:

"Most American prisons are vast idle houses with the men milling and shuffling aimlessly about a crowded prison yard with nothing to occupy their hands or mind. Made work, boondoggling and overmanning are the order of the day in most prisons."

#### PRISON EMPLOYMENT

As a means of providing constructive work for inmates, Mr. Bennett explained the progress being made in the Federal system which has been granted general authority to:

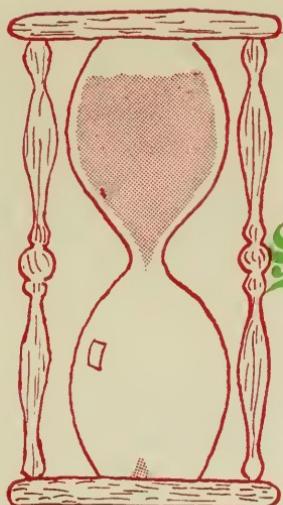
"... establish industries to manufacture articles for the government. We make, for instance, all the mail bags from the raw cotton to the completed bag. we make shoes, we make mattresses and some fifty different articles. Our gross sales last year were about \$31,000,000. But the states have not been able to develop industrial programs largely because of misunderstanding of purpose and fear by private manufacturers and free labor of unfair competition."

### CENTRAL LEADERSHIP ESSENTIAL

Probably the greatest single factor handicapping prison administrators today is the lack of central leadership which, if effectively undertaken, could remedy many of the major problems in our prisons. But as Mr. Bennett pointed out, past policies in prison management oppose central leadership for various reasons:

"Time was when prisons and reformatories were independent units administered by separate boards of trustees. The theory was, I suppose, that the institution could be divorced from politics this way and the inmates protected from arbitrary, bureaucratic action. That administrative pattern still prevails here in Connecticut, in New Jersey and in a few other states. It is, however, rapidly giving way to organizational set-ups which vest responsibility in a state bureau of corrections. Thus, all facilities operate under uniform policies, personnel can be interchanged as needs require, inmates may be transferred to the institution best equipped for whatever specialized service they may need and, most important of all, the Governor, the legislature and the people can fix responsibility for efficient operation on a specific person."





# The Shadow

The Rebels- Class of '57' — recently had a reunion in the basement of the new wing...George "Don't judge everyone by yourself" Suda draws himself up into a ball and refuses to talk to anyone..... YOICKS!!!! Even the SHADOW was scooped when the Warden announced he was giving parole violators the good time they had

lost upon their return to prison. When the Deputy polled the mess hall as to who the new regulation would effect it looked as though everyone in the building raised his hand...Carrol "Winnie the Pooh" Ebeltoft claims to be M.S.P.'S youngest grandfather at (30?)...Lyle Peters is threatening to sue M.P. News. He did not say he was going to write a letter for a job...Bill "Who me worry" Sommers is writing his congressman to get prayers included at the prison school. He figures without them, he'll never get his diploma..Karl "Arkie" Wagner busy designing a mechanical swamper..J. "Early" Byrde goes behind the screen to take the cure..Jerry "Im alright but the worlds all wrong" Desmond carries his crusade to Warm Springs...Glenn "Casanova" Azures' cell partner says Glenn must be rehearsing for a wedding scene. All night in his sleep he keeps saying, "I do."...Willie "Mikoyan" Weinberger survives another purge. His contemporaries, Levi "Wha Hoppen" Campbell and Robert "Don't sweat the nickles and dimes" Gerard take up a new trade making license plates...John "Leo Bean Jr." Keller is now passing chow instead of checks...Herman "Go plant your corn ya farmer" Pelke and Robt. "They must be here somewhere Jones" finally locate steam pipes...Milo "Turkey" Stephens picks rocks instead of pockets...Deputy Warden asks MacDonald what price he is going to charge for instant coffee...The latest rumor is that revenue agents that cracked down on bootleggers in bake shop will take heavy toll before the holiday season is over...Seasons Greetings and may next year be a better one than this.

STANLEY J. ROGERS, M.D.  
SUPERINTENDENT

ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO  
MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL

## Montana State Hospital

WARM SPRINGS, MONTANA 59756

December 4, 1964

WHEN WRITING  
PLEASE GIVE NAME OF PATIENT

VISITING HOURS

8-11 A.M. 1-4 P.M. DAILY

Mr. E. C. Ellsworth, Jr., Warden  
Montana State Prison  
Deer Lodge, Montana

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

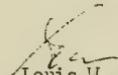
The dance at Montana State Hospital last evening was an outstanding event, complete with two groups of musicians from Montana State Prison. There was music to satisfy everyone, thanks to the splendid offerings of both your dance orchestra and the Western band, who alternated in providing the dance selections. The members of the musical groups, under the director of Mr. Little, performed in their usual capable manner.

You and the members of your staff are to be commended for making it possible for some of your talented musicians to come to this hospital to play for the benefit of the patients. Deputy Warden, R. L. Dwight, has been most helpful in arranging and carrying out programs of this kind.

We recently obtained a number of toys from the Prison Toy Shop with the assistance of Mr. Elmer Erickson and Captain Harry Blodgett. The special effort made, to provide the patients at this hospital with the proper kinds of equipment is a credit to these men, as well as, the inmate workers.

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity of working cooperatively with you and your staff in these areas that provide direct benefits to so many hospitalized persons. The hospital administration is most appreciative of your interest and support.

Sincerely,

  
Louis W. Wurl, OTR  
Coordinator, Activity Therapies

For:  
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Superintendent

# LETTERS to the Editor



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Dear Sir:

Your Fall issue just arrived here and we enjoyed reading through it. You turn out an extremely colorful magazine. We noted that New Era was given credit as the source of the article beginning on page eight.

It took a little hunting, but we finally found where it had appeared in our Vol. 15 #1 (smile).

Many of our "brother" publications do not give credit, and some are obviously not really involved in their work. It gives us a lift to find a magazine that is striving for professional quality, a magazine that tries to maintain the highest standards. Only by doing this can we hope to elevate the "image" of the Penal Press.

Very truly yours,  
The Editor  
New Era

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# Letters to the Editor



DR. DARRELL J. INABNIT  
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29 November 1964

The Editor  
M. P. News  
Box 7  
Deer Lodge, Montana

Dear Sir:

While on a recent visit to Deer Lodge, Warden Ellsworth provided me with a copy of the Fall edition of your impressive publication, M. P. News. The attractive cover was a delight to the eye and upon returning home I soon found that the contents were equally outstanding. The informative and well-written articles contained therein did indeed fulfill the stated purpose of the publication -- to foster a better understanding through the expressions of those whose experiences provide an insight not always accessible to the general public.

I am enclosing three dollars for a two-year subscription to M. P. News. Kindly send my issues to me at the address in the letterhead.

Sincerely,

Darrell J. Inabnit

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- A kangaroo walked into a bar and ordered a whiskey.
- The bartender was stunned but he poured the drink. He thought the kangaroo wouldn't know the difference so he said, "That will be two dollars." The kangaroo reached into his pouch and pulled out a ten and handed it to him. The bartender brought back his change and placed it in front of the kangaroo. He then said, "we have never had a kangaroo in here before."

The kangaroo looked him in the eye and said, "And with the drinks as expensive as they are you probably won't get another one either."

A newspaper was running a competition to discover the

most high-principled, sober, well-behaved local citizen. Among the entries received was this one, which read: "I don't smoke, touch intoxicants, or gamble. I'm faithful to my wife and never look at another woman. I'm hard working, quiet and obedient. I never go to bed late and rise early with the dawn. And I've been like this for the past three years. But just wait until next year when they let me out of here."

"George hasn't come home. Am worried. Is he spending the night with you?" wired Smith's wife to five of his friends and lodge brothers.

Soon after George arrived home a messenger boy arrived with five replies to the telegram his wife had sent.

They all read:

"Yes, George is spending the night with me."

A woman approached the Pearly Gates and spoke to St. Peter. "Do you know if my husband is here? His name is Smith."

"Lady," St. Peter said, "we have lots of Smiths here. You'll have to be more specific."

"Well, when he died, he said that if I was ever unfaithful to him, he would turn over in his grave."

"Oh sure!" St. Peter said, "you mean Pinwheel Smith."

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the defense attorney, now beginning to warm to his summation, "the real question here before you is, shall this beautiful young woman be forced to languish away her loveliest years in a drab prison cell? Or shall she be set free to return to her cozy little apartment at 4134 Seaside street-- there to spend her lonely, loveless hours in her boudoir, lying besider her little princess phone, 962-7873?"

Harold Rusk was heard to complain the other day that his wife left him because she was too immature.

"Everytime I was in the bath tub, she'd come in and sink all my boats."

The defense attorney was bearing down hard: "you say that my client came at you with a broken bottle in his hand. But didn't you have something in your hand?"

"Yes," said the battered plaintiff, "his wife. Charming of course, but not much good in a fight."

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# Foster Parent's

## Report

Below is the Christmas card received from Stephen. The front portion of the card was a traditional Santa Claus with a pack on his back and the seasons greetings in Greek.

Mrs. Lightfoot shopped around Deer Lodge for some bargains in clothing for the two foster children and their families.

Teresita has been written to informing her of our status as prisoners. Stephen was told by Mrs. Xanthopoulos on her visit to Greece.

A one pound tin of candy, a box of scented soap for Teresita and a model 1964 Mercury for Stephen were also included in the parcels.



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One of the very nice items Mrs. Lightfoot got for Teresita was a plastic lined raincoat and hat. And for Stephen, two heavy woolen sweaters.



# foster parents

No.		NAME
TO FOSTER PARENT	8988	Inmates Foster Parent Plan
FROM FOSTER CHILD	9-6621	Montana State Prison Stephen KALATZIDIS



October 1964

Dear foster parents,

I am well in health and proud that thanks to your help I am able to go to school regularly. I am in the fourth grade. I try to be regular and worthy of you. Your great help gives me strength and also courage to meet life. Your representative has greatly spurred me and I study hard in order to repay you with my good marks. You have greetings from my grandfather grandmother mother and young sister. I greet you I your foster child and I pray to the good Lord that He may always keep you well and happy. For October I received the drs 240(\$8.00) and also the blanket the jacket the 1.5 yards of material the sweater the bottle of vitamins and the 2 pieces of soap. I thank you very much for everything.

Stephen

Written on card:

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year 1965

- /mc

# foster parents

TO	No.	NAME
FOR FOSTER PARENT		Treatment Foster Parents' Club (Treatment Foster Parents)
FROM		
FOR FOSTER CHILD		



October 1964

Dear Foster Parents,

How are you all, there, dear Foster Parents? I am hoping this reaches you feeling well and gay. With this we also send our much thanks for the graces you are sending us.

You know, my children are so anxious to see you. They often ask me how we'll be able to see you. I said at this time, we better be content seeing you in picture; for it would be difficult to see you in person, being far from us. So we hope you will send us a picture of you. Thank you.

Last September, we received the following: 1 box of Tide powdered soap, 1 bottle of vitamin tablets, 2 bars of laundry soap, 1 dress, and \$21.10 (\$8.00) in cash. All these are lots of help to us. Thank you so much for helping less fortunate people like us.

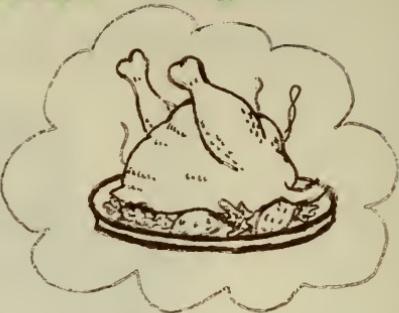
Rye, and best wishes!

Respectfully,

/s/ Estrella Estacio

/tea

# RANCH 7



by Puckett

In the foothills of Powell County, next to Mt. Powell, there stands a log house that takes the shock of any strain that comes upon it from the mountain. In that house live two inmates, and upon that land is raised the most important thing we have during the Holidays. Your Turkey dinner.

John, the Turkey King, has a very delicate and important job. He puts in mornings, afternoons and nights to see that the young gobblers are going to survive to be a part of some future menu at the institution. After they are grown the job is easier and he must only work about 16 hours a day to see that they are the healthy, fat fowl you'll enjoy at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Since John has worked at the Turkey Ranch or, Ranch 7 as it is called on the work reports, John has raised 10,280 turkeys. I must say he has done a wonderful job.

There is no officer at the Turkey Ranch and we do all of our own cooking. We can thank Warden Ellsworth, Mr. Harris and Mr. Erickson for having such a successful program out here.

During the months that we are without turkeys John and I feed cattle, repair and clean the houses' for the next batch of young gobblers and catch up on a little loafing and sleep until the vicious circle starts again.

We hope you enjoy the Christmas menu and especially the main course. Seasons Greetings to you all from the Turkey Ranch crew, Puckett and John B.

# Special Notice

## J A Y C E E      W E E K      &      D. S. A.

Jaycee Week, the Annual Anniversary observance of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, starts next week January 17 thru 23, 1965, at the Montana State Prison, Zoel Snow, the Local President has announced.

A highlight of the week's events will be the presentation of a Distinguished Service Award to MSP's most outstanding inmate, who has made outstanding and lasting contributions to the community and inmate body. The nominations will be made by institutional organizations and administration personnel. (Jaycees will not nominate.)

The winner will be selected by a judging panel and the winner named at a DSA presentation program January 24th, 1965.

At the DSA presentation there will be Guest Speakers' and other Certificates of Appreciation awarded.

The Prison Jaycee Chapter extends an invitation to the MSP population to attend the DSA Presentation Program.

James R. Young  
D.S.A. Chairman





# Seasons Greetings

to  
**All Our Readers**

from **M-P News Staff**

# the Toy Shop



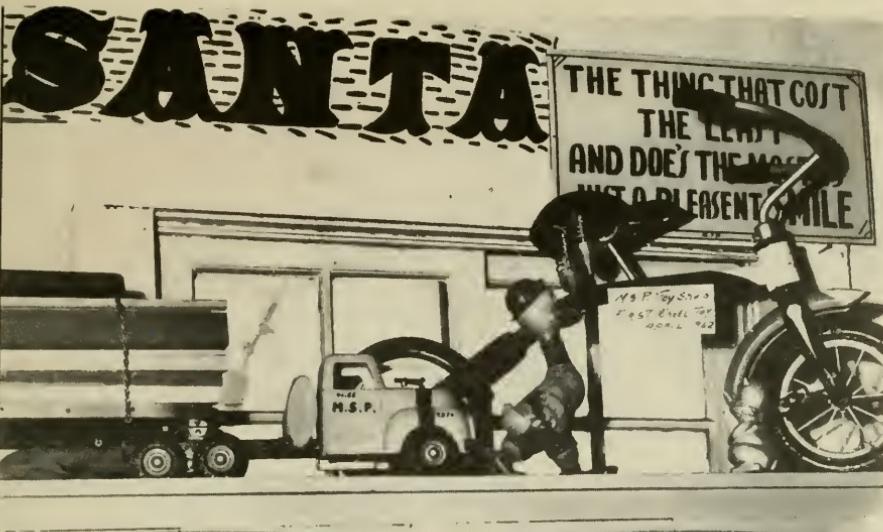
Perhaps the most widely publicized function of the Inmate body here at the prison is, the Prison Toy Shop. For some reason it seems to appeal to the public to envision a bunch of hardened criminals as Santa's helpers. The casual reader, having never had occasion to become acquainted with the "brethern", will undoubtedly find a certain incongruity in this type of work, as it is done, by the inmates of Montana State Prison.

For the past two months the inmates assigned to the Toy Shop have been working six to seven shifts a week in preparation for the call for toys that occurs each year by Montana institutions and organizations.

Donations of toys to the prison come from all over the state of Montana. They come in all types, sizes and conditions, from whistles that won't blow, to brand new bicycles. The toys are received at the prison and are renovated, packaged and stored to await distribution to needy children around the state.

Most active of the organizations who distribute these toys are the local Jaycee chapters around the state. As well as bringing broken toys for refurbishing they bring tools, enamel paints and brushes. The Great Falls Jaycees went so far as to bring a welding machine which Mr. Harry Blodgett, Toy Shop Supervisor, says "has become indispensable. The men were able to turn out a great many more wheeled toys this





year because of it.

Mr. Blodgett went on to say that, "the demand has been heavier this year than in previous years and it is unfortunate, that due to my illness we were only able to put out 8,000 toys this year. I must say too, that the boys I have working for me this year are fine boys and have done a very good job. Jim Handy is our welder, Joe Parker, Les Shields and A.R. Clark painters, Bowdish is our mechanic, Bert Sandbough warehouseman, Logan repairs the tricycles, Swisse is the wheel toy mechanic, Larry Kriettel is the small wheel toy mechanic and Bruno is our skate repairman."

"Besides the wheel toys, Mr. Blodgett said, "our big call is for dolls. Mrs. Blodgett has washed, cleaned and repaired over 400 dolls this year. Many of these were sent to Warm Springs, Boulder and Twin Bridges to whom we send over 1,000 toys a year."

"I am expecting an even bigger season next year and we have almost 50,000 toys in warehouses (old root cellars) for repair."

When we were leaving Mr. Blodgett said, "This is evidently pretty good therapy for the fellows who work out here too. Of all the men who have helped put out over 25,000 toys since 1962, not one has come back." That is a pretty good recommendation for both the men and their supervisor.



Some of the  
25,000 toys  
repaired in  
the past  $2\frac{1}{2}$   
years.

Mr. Blodgett being interviewed by the editor.





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# Thank You

My heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your thoughtful generosity at the time of our terrible tragedy. I know you must have saved a great deal for a long time and to give it to us is the most wonderful gesture anyone could possibly make.

All of you, please accept my utmost, Thank you

YOUR KINDNESS AT THIS TIME IS  
MORE DEEPLY APPRECIATED THAN  
ANY WORD OF THANKS CAN EXPRESS

I wish I could send each and everyone a personal thank you.

Mrs. Duane Heman

# A.P.C. ANNEX

J. Butler

Early in life I acquired a very real aversion to all things of a medical nature. I shied away from hospitals, clinics, army dispensaries, doctors, nurses and white-frocked technicians with a passion almost pathological. So when Zoel asked me to do an article on the prison hospital and its recently appointed supervisor, Mrs. Virginia Neville, I asked myself if I was up to such an assignment. My limited knowledge of the subject certainly did not qualify me for the job. In addition to all this, knowing Zoel's dementia for unwatered scribbling, I knew he would want it done sans bias and trepidation and with charity shown, should it so merit.

By odd chance the rheumatic hand of providence tossed an unhappy combination of two's, three's and twelves and I hedged my bet a wee bit by coming down with acute appendicitis about that time. So, what was originally planned as a routine interview lasted 23 days during which time I learned quite a bit about Mrs. Neville, her staff and the operation of the prison hospital.

I found the hospital to be clean and quiet, the diet adequate, the attendants sympathetic and willing, and the treatment, (from my viewpoint), excellent.

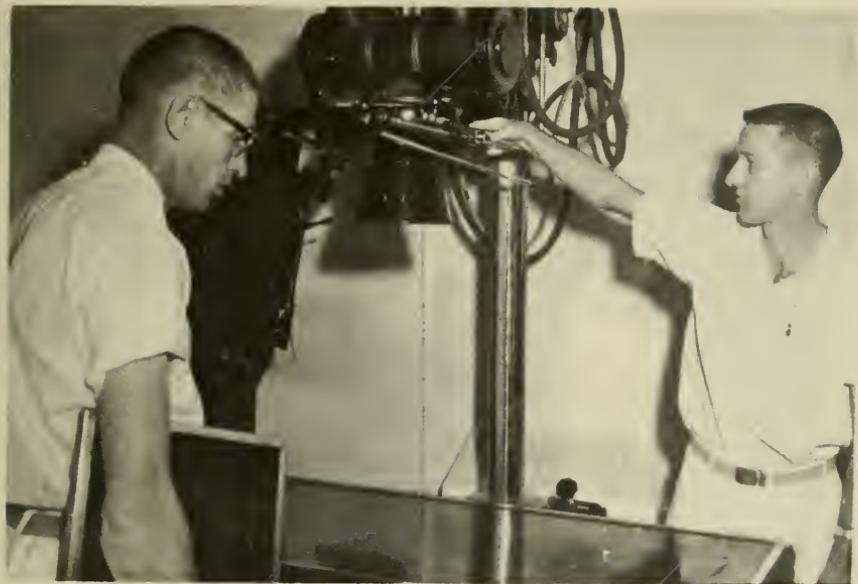


The staff is composed of Mrs. Neville, Supervisor; Mr. Stark, Security Officer; Jim Henderson, Attendant; 'Bud' Humbert, Attendant and Dental Tech.; Herb 'Doc' Berg, Attendant; George Alton, Lab & X-Ray Tech.; Jim Hawe, Attendant; George Tunison, Runner; Raymond 'Brooklyn' Grace, Factotum; and 'Whitey' Burns, Swamper.

During my stay in the hospital I found all of these people to be most obliging and generous in giving of their time and experience, not just to me but to each and every person I saw checked in.

The day-to-day administration of a hospital (even a small one) is, I learned, a quite complex operation. There are files to maintain, prescriptions to fill, medications to administer, shots to give, bloodtests to take, examinations to make and myriad other exacting and time consuming activities performed as a matter of daily course. All this in addition to surgery performed and its attendant activities.

While my interview with Mrs. Neville was not a long one. I found her to be well-informed and quite articulate. On hospitals and medicine she had this to say: "Hospitals and the medical profession are not a happy by-product of civilization but they are necessary ones and more than any other thing a measure of the frailty of flesh." On this particular hospital she said: "Some hospitals are good and some not so good, ours is somewhere in between. I have a very good staff and I believe that if we all pitch in we'll soon have a very good unit here. We are fortunate in having on call three



Above: Jim Anderson and Jim Hawe prepare to take X-rays on outmoded machine. Many patients must be sent to Galen for more thorough exams.  
Below: Mrs. Neville dispenses drugs from the Prison Pharmacy.





Left:

George Alton,  
Lab Tech, studies  
slides. Results  
turn up everything  
from acute appen-  
dicitis to Vener-  
eal Diseases.

Below:

Dr. Bertoglio  
examines patient  
with Mrs. Neville  
assisting.





very good surgeons; Dr.'s Anderson, Benjamin and Bertoglio of the Deer Lodge Clinic. One of these three doctors is on hand here at the hospital on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's of each week. On these days the physician in attendance makes ward rounds, holds sick call and examines and treats patients. On Wednesday's the doctor arrives early in the day and physically examines all new arrivals for the week. In addition to these three doctors the institution dentist, Dr. Bergen and the optometrist, Dr. Tooke are both here at the hospital several times each month. They are ably assisted by 'Bud' Humbert in the pulling, filling and manufacture of teeth and the examination of inmates needing glasses."

Mrs. Neville had words of praise for her entire staff of inmate help. From her I learned that Doc Berg, Jim Henderson and Jim Hawe have the designation of hospital attendants and from my own observations and experience I know that they work many hours a day in their duties which consist of patient care, sick call assistance, administering of medication and many other activities.

I know this report contains many a glaring omission. It was written the way it happened and the way it was observed by me. Undoubtedly, there is much more that could be said. I have not endeavored to change opinions regarding the subject of this report, only to write the article as it appeared to me. My observations tell me that the people mentioned herein do as much as they possibly can and perhaps a little bit more in an, unfortunately, thankless task.

# Then Life is a Mockery!

by: Erle Stanley Gardner

"Somewhere in this world I wish there were human beings who could realize that character grows and that characters are capable of growing. I know of nothing more discouraging to an individual than to have rehabilitation and growth completely discounted by red marks on the debt of time's ledger made many years ago.

"The idea that the man of today should be evaluated in terms of a crime committed many years ago makes a mockery of penology. Frankly, I don't know how society expects to encourage rehabilitation if it doesn't give credit to individuals who, by dint of long, hard work and careful thinking have rehabilitated themselves.

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"I think we should encourage it by giving a pat on the back to the guy who takes off his coat and goes to work rehabilitating himself. If human beings can't change, if they can't grow, if they can't develop, and if hard constructive work can't blot out the mistakes of the past, then life is a mockery."

Via the REFORMATORY PILLAR

If you pursue good with labor, the labor passes but the good remains:

If you pursue evil with pleasure, the pleasure passes but the evil remains.

Cicero

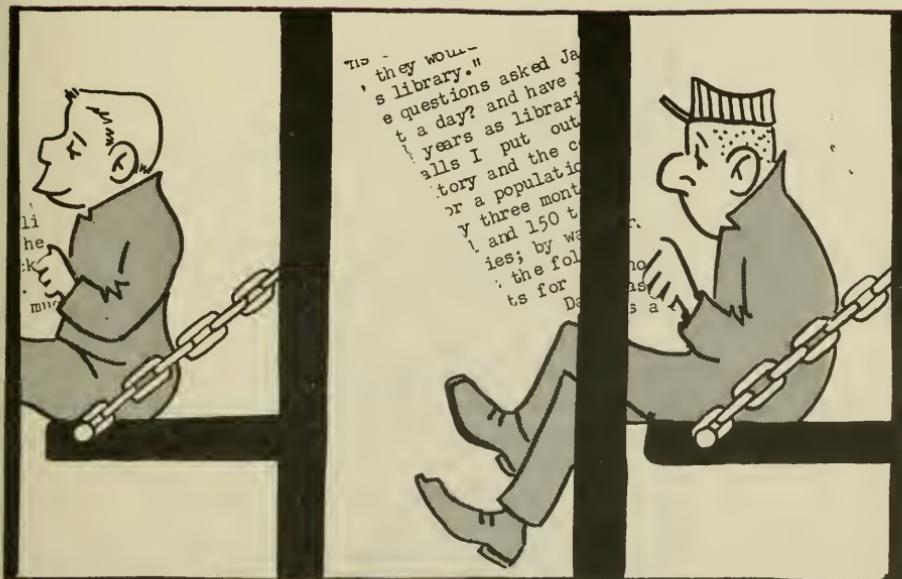
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## Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

ROBERT FROST

WHOSE woods these are I think I  
know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.  
And miles to go before I sleep.

# JAZZ



*by Garth Reynolds*

About the turn of the century the North experienced a Southern invasion from which the repercussions are still evident.

This was a peaceful invasion. A Negro invasion of musicians. The men, and incidentally, a few women, were bringing to the country the message of America's own art form — jazz.

They came up the river from New Orleans, the home of American jazz. A town no longer able to hold in the sounds that were destined to become a universal sound of joy; a sound of sadness; a sound of the emotions of an emotional people, the American Negro.

At first the sounds stayed close by the big river. Natchez-Memphis-St. Louis-Kansas City, each in turn was

exposed and fell under the spell of the sounds. Each, in their turn added a bit of local color to the music. However, the big names were still those talented few who had once called New Orleans home. King Oliver and his band, the king in name as well as fame. The Chocolate Dandies, The New Orleans Feetwarmers. Young Louis Armstrong, a trumpet player in the King Oliver aggregation was fast claiming attention. An attraction that was destined to last half a century.

As jazz advanced up river from the Crescent city it was only natural that the sounds became a topic of conversation as they caught on. Soon the topic reached Chicago. Chicago, where the man once danced with his wife, was ripe for conquest by the invaders. Chicago was itself, a fledgling giant. A city where everything was commonplace and where the commonplace was being renewed as rapidly as possible. It is only natural and fitting that Chicago was destined to take early American jazz to its bosom. To nurture it. To improvise upon it and to emit the sounds that were to become known as Dixieland, Chicago style.

Chicago, in the twenties, was a roisterous, rollicking town of speak-easies and after-hours joints, which, evidently was necessary to further the advancement of jazz. People were seeking, and finding, entertainment and amusement. The dance craze of the era was tuned to the effervescent mood prevalent, and the mood was tailor-made to suit the swinging 2-beat of Dixieland music. You might say that prohibition was the outside force which advanced jazz to the point where it became readily available to an audience eager for the new. For the pulsing beat. For the staccato improvisation of the soaring trumpet. For the moan of the slide trombone. For the wail of a frenetic clarinet answering the melody in counterpoint. For the rickey-tickey tinkling of the rhythm piano. For the shot-like beat of the trap drums as they beat out a two-beat rhythm that picked up and carried the front-line horns to heights never before achieved.

In this Chicago era, the golden era of American Jazz, was born the distinct Dixieland sounds that are apparent yet today. A different sound than that which had advanced north along the shores of the Mississippi. To the anguished tone of the blues had been added a definite beat. A distinct and forceful rhythmic beat which had,

in turn, included a joyous sound into what here-to-fore had been either funeral music or the wailing anguish of a saddened, down-trodden, unhappy people.

Now, into the music scene, previously dominated by Negro musicians, appeared the white musicians. Some, a few, of the white music makers, were immigrants from New Orleans called North to instruct and impart of their knowledge of the Music of the Southland. Many of the great and near-great were to graduate upon the world from the speak-easy schools of Chicago.

As the sounds of jazz broke through the walls of distance the word spread throughout the country. New York heard its first Dixieland strains. On the opposite side of the continent, cosmopolitan San Franciscans were tapping their feet to the same dixieland two-beat as that listened to in New Orleans, Chicago, New York and way points in between. The era of Jazz was available to audiences who were not to be denied, and in truth were not denied, the pleasure of hearing some of the greatest musical sounds produced in this country or any country, before or since.



# *Guest Editorial*

## Fairness Demanded in Court Decisions

The Minneapolis Tribune

The charge is frequent these days that recent court decisions have left policemen and prosecutors with one arm tied behind their backs.

More baggage for this train of thought is provided by the release of Cleveland's Dr. Sam Sheppard, whose state trial of 10 years ago was called by a federal judge a "mockery of justice." Such reversals after so many years dull the chance for a new conviction because evidence grows dim and because a new jury might believe that, guilty or not, the suspect has paid his penalty.

The sore spot, however, is not the sensational cases alone. Equally vexing to some are the thousands of appeals that are pending or likely on the basis of recent court decisions that demand fairness in police and court procedures.

These decisions, say their opponents, have deprived the police of tools they need to do their job and have turned the thief and racketeer into noblemen. But this view is wrong. What the higher courts are demanding is closer attention to the unquestionable rule that a suspect is presumed innocent until proved guilty by competent evidence in a fair trial.

This principle cannot be upheld by tools that take advantage of the individual, and effective investigation and prosecution can be had without them. While police, have no power to compel answers from anyone, for example, a sense of public duty usually provides them with information.

Rather than being looked upon as an encouragement of crime, the increasingly clear rules of fairness should be taken as a guide for better police and court work. If anything more is needed, it is improved judicial procedures that provide quicker and final review of a prisoner's state and federal rights.

# FRANKLY SPEAKING FROM ROTHE HALL

FRANK M. TAYLOR



Feeling as I do about the M. P. News, I cannot but pick up my ears, so to speak, whenever it comes under fire by my fellow inmates.

A small amount of this criticism just might be deserved in some instances; but, and this is a big but, (no pun intended) it is hard for some of us to realize the tremendous amount of energy and headaches involved in getting out any kind of paper at all.

I have read hundreds of various prison news media from prisons throughout the world and not knowing journalism, I rely on good old comparison test for finding which of its publications is good or bad.

We can be justly proud of the way M.P. News compares to some of these other papers. In lay-out especially, it ranks very high with penal publications four or five times its age and circulation.

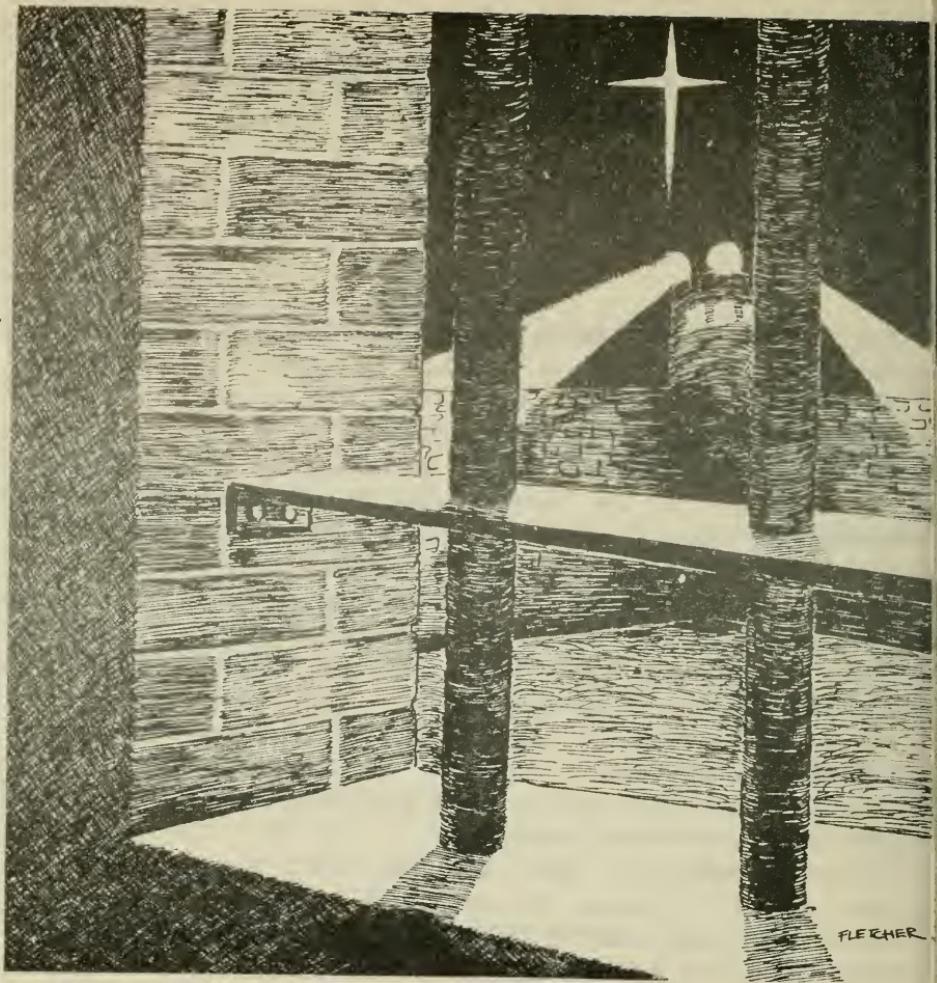
To those among us who complain that the same authors appear in every issue, I have this to say:

## IF THEY DIDN'T THERE WOULDN'T BE A PAPER!

It's true you know, and there is something you can do about it. Submit something of your own. Something original and possibly interesting. If it will help any, you fellows at Rothe Hall can give me your materials and I'll gladly type them up for you. Or ask me to write your opinion on some subject of interest for this column.

To sum up, let me quote from a statement made by Erle Stanley Gardner which appeared in last month's edition and is worth repeating; Mr. Gardner said, "if more inmates would realize the job that the prison paper is doing, they would make a determined effort to give it their support."

This being Christmas, I want to wish each and all a Very Merry and Happy Holiday, with hopes that all of us will soon be home with our loved ones for that happiest day of all. And a Special Christmas Wish to our Mothers and Fathers, to our Grandparents, brothers and sisters and to all our family and theirs.



May the peace and  
joy of the Christ Child  
reign in your hearts  
now and throughout  
the year.

*Father Beatty*

# Christmas and Faith



One of the many fine Christmas poems is Grace Noll Crowell's "Let Us Keep Christmas."

Whatever else be lost among the years,  
Let us keep Christmas still a shining thing:  
Whatever doubts assail us, or what fears,  
Let us hold close one day, remembering  
Its poignant meaning for the hearts of men.  
Let us get back our childlike faith again.

When Mrs. Crowell speaks of "childlike" faith, she doesn't mean childish faith. Some of us tend to confuse these two adjectives and treat them as synonyms, whereas truthfully they are vastly different in meaning.

True, Christianity--which began historically with a certain Baby in a manger on that first Christmas morning --real Christianity requires a childlike faith but it

All normal children have a childlike faith that their parents will continue to love and care for them. Although a few parents falter and betray the trust their children instinctively put in them, most parents uphold their children's faith.

Most children, in their younger years at least, have a childish faith in Santa Claus. Although I'm not advocating the "abolition of Santa Claus," I point out that a child's faith in Santa Claus is childish.

Is your faith this Christmas childish or childlike? May the historic facts of the Christian Faith that are celebrated during this season find in us a ready acceptance produced by a childlike faith in God.

Chaplain John Rex

# Penal News Around the World



Santiago, Chile: 40 prisoners granted a day of freedom on their word of honor to return within 24 hours, were back in their cells by 8 AM on Monday morning. It was the largest single group to be granted this privilege under the new Santiago Rehab Program.

CHICAGO: The U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce has adapted a plan whereby Jaycee Locals will be established in many U. S. Prisons. The Jaycees have long been active and interested in Jaycee Chapters behind prison walls---the pilot chapter was initiated at West Va. Penitentiary.

MISSISSIPPI: An inmate at the Parchman State Prison donated one of his kidneys to save the life of a patient at the Jackson Veteran's Hospital -- and received executive clemency.

LOUISIANA: Gov. John J. McKeithen, the first governor to visit the state prison in the past 12 years has instituted long overdue measures to aid in the rehabilitation program.

Instituted was a new "Good Time Law" which released many men immediately. A new five member parole board held sessions for twelve hours a day in an effort to review all the cases before them. Extensive rebuilding and repair projects at the prison are already underway.

IOWA: United States Supreme Court Attorney General Evan Hultman has ruled that the lower courts in Iowa must ap-

point counsel to represent indigent defendants at preliminary hearing. The ruling was requested by Scott County Attorney Martin D. Leir. It applies to all defendants charged with felonies and indictable misdemeanors.

The Attorney General has also ruled that the counties have a legal obligation to stand the costs incurred by appointment of counsel. Those Counties in which the state penal institutions are located will have to bear a large portion of this added cost due to the anticipated rise in the number of writs that will be filed by inmates seeking their release.

MICHIGAN: The State Bar of Michigan at its recently held 29th annual convention adopted a recommendation critical of police practices and urging more thorough investigations prior to arrest or engaging in searches and seizures. They called for less reliance on confessions, increased use of warrants for searches and more training for police officers.

Another recommendation would have a request made to the Supreme Court of Michigan to draw up rules banning disclosures of statements by arresting and prosecuting agencies which might prove prejudicial to defendants in criminal trials.

Also recommended was a requirement that police departments report daily to the magistrate having jurisdiction the names of all persons held in custody without warrants "with appropriate sanctions for failure to make such reports."

KENTUCKY: New parole eligibility rules drastically slashing the time Kentucky convicts must serve before they can be considered for parole went into effect in the State April 5, 1964. "Lifers" could be released in six years under the new rules. Under the old law "lifers" served 8 years with most other prisoners being required to serve 1/3 of their time.

BRAZIL: One of the strangest honeymoons in history began recently when one woman and two men started a trip to Caxambu, Brazil. The bride, 22 year old Albina Santos is a social worker, the bridegroom, also 22, is William Souza, a convict doing a 10-year sentence for robbery. The third man on the journey to the resort town is Fernando Guimaraes, a prison guard.

This strange triangle began when Souza, serving time

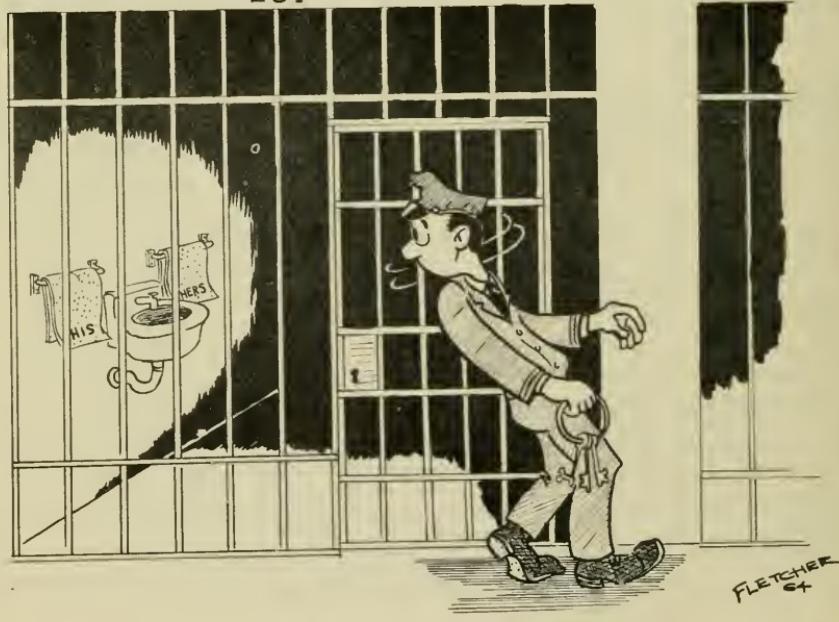
for robbing a jewelry store, met the social worker during her visits to the prison. They fell in love. The prison warden permitted the wedding and granted the couple a honeymoon to the nearby resort town. But, he ordered guard Guimaraes to accompany them to maintain vigilance. Said Mr. Guimaraes: "I consider my mission a delicate and discreet one."

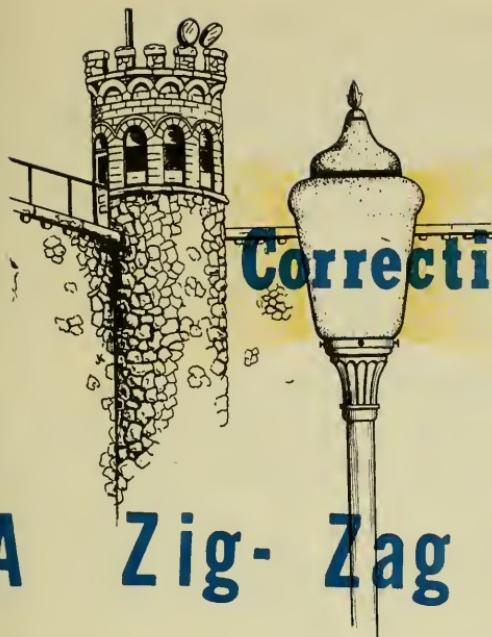
TAIPING, MALAYA: Prison wardens and guards are worried here. Inmates are getting scarcer and prison employees now fear enforced retirement. Four prisons have closed since 1950 and two more are due to follow suit this year due to "lack of business."

CANADA: A UPI press release from Ottawa, Canada, stated that Canadian federal prisoners may be given weekends off to go home and visit their wives and families.

Perhaps what is more startling than the above announcement is the one made by A. J. MacLeod, penitentiary commissioner. He said, "Penitentiaries are no place for husbands and wives to renew acquaintances." He further stated that he is working on the idea of weekends at home for his men.

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# Correctional Task: A Zig-Zag Chart

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by Nobuo Abiko

A correctional officer's life is a zigzag chart. It has its profound satisfactions, but also its bitter disappointments.

A man has to learn to walk a delicate line between emotional involvement and cynicism. It isn't easy.

Joseph C. Butner knows. Since 1952, he has been in one phase or other of correctional work--parole, probation, youth work. At present he is director of the federal Pre-Release Guidance Center in Chicago.

The guidance center is a "half-way" house for offenders between 18 and 25 years of age. It receives these men three or four months before their scheduled release on parole from a federal institution and tries to help them adjust to productive living in society.

## CENTERS LIMITED

Mr. Butner's guidance center is one of four such federal correctional facilities in the U.S. It also was the first, opening in September, 1961. The others are in New York, Los Angeles and Detroit. A fifth now is opening in Washington.

For the moment, these centers are limited to youthful offenders. They may later include adults. It is this youthful aspect that gives Mr. Butner his greatest satisfactions.

For a correctional worker, says Mr. Butner, nothing is more fulfilling than to watch a man mature, change his views on community living, and become self-sustaining and productive.

"I think it is so much easier to see it working with youth," he says. "In adults, this development comes about very subtly. It is not so visible as with youth."

## PERSONAL RETURNS

"I don't think," adds Mr. Butner, "that a person in corrections could stay in this field unless he gets some of these personal returns. If you have a genuine interest in people and want to help them get over some of their problems, then the work is fun."

Mr. Butner switched to correctional work after several years in public welfare. He worked in the public welfare department in Denver from 1949 to 1952.

"Public welfare," says Mr. Butner, "becomes a matter of giving money to people. I'm not sure that money solves all persons' problems."

"The people I was working with were middle-aged, older people. Many were single men who were chronic alcoholics, sometimes for 20 or 30 years. I felt that if I could work with a younger age group, where there is more motivation for change, still more optimism about life, and where I could see some better end results, I'd be happier."

## BACK ONE STEP

For many years, private agencies, Mr. Butner relates, have operated so-called half-way houses. But these have been for those already released on parole.

"We thought that if we moved it back one step and kept people within the institutional framework," he explains, "we could give more support guidance, and supervision. We thought the transitional experience would be more critical at an earlier point."

In most cases Mr. Butner says, finding satisfactory employment is "the core of our problem." Once a center resident has a job, he receives an allowance from which he pays for his meals, transportation to work, clothing recreation, and personal items."

### SAVINGS STARTED

The rest of his pay check is put away in a savings account. The government takes care of his room rent and medical expenses.

Many of these young inmates can find jobs which utilize the vocational training they gained in prison. Although employers were at first reluctant to hire former prisoners (some still are), once they take the step they become "very loyal to our men and to our program," says Mr. Butner.

Besides helping former prisoners find jobs, the guidance-center staff assists on personal and family problems. Its work has been so successful that of 240 transferees, only about 25 have had to be returned.

Their record is equally encouraging once they leave the center and go on parole, according to Mr. Butner.

### RATES COMPARED

"We have a 23 percent parole violation rate compared to the national rate of 45 percent for the same age group," he says.

Mr. Butner's charges represent a wide variety of offenses. Some were committed for bank robberies, others for check or mail thefts. Some come from wealthy families, "but many more are from very deprived home situations." Seventy percent, says Mr. Butner, were involved in interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicles.

"A common denominator with youth," the center director adds, "is a poor home situation. This may be separation of parents; overprotection; or mother domination."

Psychiatric troubles are also frequent.

Mr. Butner's charges are not carefully screened before

their transfer.

"We're not sure about a criterion of selection anyway says the director. "Some fellows with poor institutional adjustments do very well here, and vice versa. So who were very aggressive in an institution will blossom out here, do excellently on the job, and cooperate well. So we're not real sure what type of selectivity we should use, if we use any."

For his work at the Pre-Release Guidance Center here (Chicago), Mr. Butner has just received a superior service award from the Bureau of Prisons. When he took over as director, he had few guidelines. He had developed experience into a working actuality.

A less-official accolade for his work came from "graduate" of the center who wrote: "I liked the guidance center because it taught me something about responsibility that I didn't know before."

## Peace On Earth



# MOUNT POWELL GAVEL CLUB

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



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First Anniversary Celebration

By: Fleming & McGivern

Wednesday, December 2, 1964, marked a most important day for the Mt. Powell Gavel Club. After much preparation, letter writing, and planning, we were richly awarded by the large attendance of the outside guests and the inside population. We were sorry that weather conditions prevented so many outside guests from attending, but all in all our celebration was a hugh success.

Mr. Moran, President of the Mt. Powell Gavel Club, opened the meeting by introducing Warden Ellsworth who formally welcomed the outside guests.

Warden Ellsworth also paid tribute the outside guests for their interest and participation in the Toastmasters program in the prison, and commented on the progress of the group since it's inception.

Mr. Moran then introduced the Toastmaster for the evening Mr. J. Mc Givern, who outlined the rule and timing procedures for the benefit of the speakers and judges. He then introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mr. Brewster of M.S.P.

Mr. Brewsters speech was entitled " The New Breed".



His talk was well prepared, well delivered, and an enlightening discourse on the problems of juvenile delinquency of today.

The second speaker of the evening was Mr. Ryan of the Deer Lodge Jaycees. His topic was "Crisis of American Coins." Mr. Ryan's talk brought forth several interesting facts about the current problem of the coin shortage and he was well received by the audience.

Mr. Ebeltoft of M.S.P., the third speaker, whose topic was "Mission Accomplished," spoke on the de-activation of the obsolete missile bases and the part they played as a deterrent during the cold war.

Dr. Woodriff of Montana State College and the Bozeman Toasters, was the next speaker. His speech was entitled, "People" and it was a learned and well presented discussion that the audience appreciated very much.

The fifth speaker of the evening was an alternate Mr. McShane of M.S.P. He spoke on the subject of "EDucation!" He told of the serious problems of today's high school dropouts and the need for better education and more understanding, both in the home and the schools.

Mr. Dewey of M.S.P., who also was an alternate was the last main speaker of the evening. He spoke on "Mighty Montana," covering Montana's resources and potentials.

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Mr. McGivern next introduced Mr. Hover from the Deer Lodge Jaycees and radio station KDRG as the Table Topic Master for the evening.

Mr. Hover called on several members of the outside and inside groups to comment on various topics concerning a current event. The members speaking on the most timely and interesting subjects were: Messrs. Moran, Walker, Mr. Warf, Resch, Ryan, Monroe, and Dr. Woodriff.

During the intermission, while the judges selected the winners, our President Mr. Buster Morran presented an award to Mr. Carpino as a honorary member to the Mt. Powell Gavel Club and paid tribute to him for his sponsoring us.

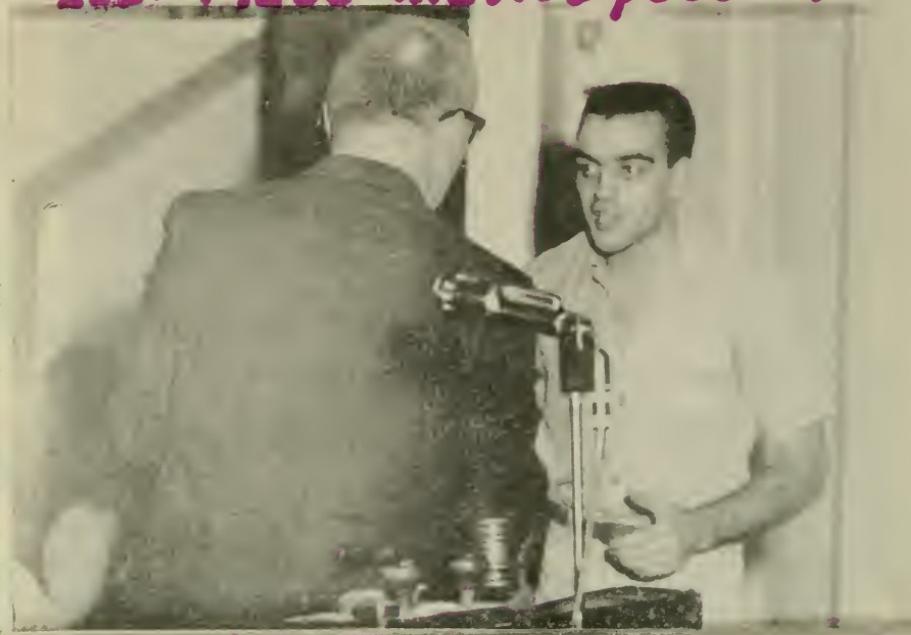
Mr. Morran called Warden Ellsworth to present the winners with awards and congratulations for their outstanding speeches.

At the conclusion of the regularly scheduled program a social hour was held. Entertainment was furnished by the M.S.P. band and refreshments were served. An informal discussion took place concerning the speakoff and plans were formulated for future speakoffs with outside groups participating.

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# 1st. Place Main Speeches



WINNERS

By: S. Resch

Mr. James Mc Shane with a seven minute speechentitle "Education", happily rec ived from Warden Ellsworth the frist place award in the main speech of the eveving.

His speech on education covered high school dropout and personal beliefs as to the cause. He very dramatically charged the adult generation with contributing to th- is by their lack of intrest and concern for the youth.

Mr. Mc Shane is a twenty year old native of Southern California and has been a member of the Mt. Powell Gavel Club since September of this year.

When I asked Jim to comment on how he felt whenhe re ceived his award, he very modestly replied, " I couldn't belive it."

I wish to congratulate Mr. Mc Shane for a fine speech that was well presented.

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# 1st. Place Table Topics



Dr. Ray Woodriff a nine year veteran of Toastmasters and a member of the Toastmasters Club No.326 was presented the first place award for Table Topics after a very enlightening talk on "The Decreasing Income of the Farmer."

Dr. Woodriff is a fifty five year old, married and the father of three children. He is a professor of Chemistry at Montana State College in Bozeman.

We, the Mt. Powell Club, the visiting clubs and the inmate audience were very delighted by the appearance of this distinguished guest, Dr. Woodriff, and wish to extend congratulations and sincere thanks.

MT. POWELL

BOZEMAN

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Mr. Carroll Ebeltoft with a wide selection of well chosen words, very vividly described his speech entitled "Mission Accomplished," to capture the second place award in the main speeches of the evening.

Carroll has been a member of the Mt. Powell Gavel Club for the past six months, and he's now holding the office of Educational Vice President. He teaches Physics and Math in the prison school and is also the secretary of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Gene Brewster spoke on "The New Breed," a speech that captured the third place award. During the course of what I considered the most informative speech of the evening he voiced a well judged opinion of juvenile delinquency and the problems concerning it especially those originating in the home and many public places. He also brought to light other hard to face facts.

Gene has been a member of the club for thirteen months and has held the post of Educational Vice President and he currently holds the position of parliamentarian.

Keith Moran won the third place award for table topics with a talk in which he "Represented the United States in regards to Russia's paying their United Nations dues." He called for Russia to forfeit their right to vote, especially their veto vote, if their dues were not paid.

Keith has been in the club for eleven months and has held the offices of President and Administrative Vice President. Keith is a high school English Instructor at the prison school along with studying business and accounting.

Stan Resch won the second place award for table topics by speaking on the recent "Congo Trouble." Stan has been in the club for the past eight months. He is also a school instructor, on the grade school side.

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## MT. POWELL TOPIC SNOOPER

I notice Joe Warf, Kieth Moran and Stan Resch are beginning to huddle in corners again. It would seem they are going to pick the new officers for the next term. (Watch out for the Independant ticket. You may lose.)

Carroll (Silent) Ebeltoft our E.V.P. seems to like keeping the topic of his speeches to himself and uses the element of surprise.(A sure cure,surprise him with a speech when he least expects it).

Our man,Jim Fleming,sure is getting around lately. It seems everyone is afraid to talk to him for he is forever asking questions. ("What he needs is a big PRESS badge, then they will understand.")

Jerry McGivern, Toastmaster for the recent speakoff, seems to have trouble getting his jokes across. So all we have heard from him is; "They were given to me." (Now we know why he was asking for all those digests.)

It seems Norman Kane our A.V.P., is a little shy. When recently asked to participate in a program, he pulled all the tricks in the book to get out.(We understand it's just that darn podium, so now we know you want to do away with it.)

Our man Joe Warf, was given a Table Topic at the last meeting, "The Maiden Form", and believe it or not he was lost for words. "It is hard to believe especially after all that practice."

It looks like we'll be singing "So long, It's been good to know you," to the tall Texan,Chuck Spann."Take your time riding the range."



By: L. Baus

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the administration for their cooperation in making our First Anniversary Celebration an overwhelming success. It is through their efforts and interest that we of the Mount Powell Gavel Club are able to advance ourselves in the field of public speaking, of which we are most grateful and appreciative of this opportunity.

I would like to pay special tribute to our sponsor Mr. Paul Carpino and Carroll Ebeltoft our Educational Vice-President, who have worked long and diligently to make our speak-off, one of the outstanding events here at MSP for the year 1964.



Plaudits also to Buster Morran our current Prexy who has also served as Secretary, Vice President, Sgt at Arms and is the Printer of this bulletin.

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District #3

## PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES MEETING

A Parliamentary Procedures meeting was held on the 14th by our Parliamentarian, Walter G. Wellman.

The meeting was conducted by the use of a skit, with 11 different motions brought before the chair by different members. As each motion was brought up Walt stopped and explained the purpose of the motion and what would be necessary to have the motion overridden, passed, or tabled, etc. All members present were given a chart of motions and a summary of rules governing them. With the aid of this chart and Walt's fine work we breezed right thru the meeting. I am safe in saying that every member left the meeting knowing more about Parliamentary Procedures than he knew when he came.

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## SPEAK-UP

There will be a Speak-Up held at the prison on January 17, 1965. The following clubs will participate; Livingston, Three Forks, Whitehall, Butte, Helena, Deer Lodge, Bozeman and the MP Jaycees. Two participants from each chapter are to be here, with the exception of Bozeman, which will send three.

All of the details are not final, as yet, but the membership shall be informed at the regular meeting.

Walt Wellman,  
Speak-Up Chmn.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### JUMP (Jaycees Understanding Mental Problems)

The JUMP Program is progressing better than I had anticipated.

Two inmates, Joe Dial and Frank Waddell, started a discussion group here, just three months ago. The idea behind this group was to have a book that we could get ten columns of and ten members of this group reading the book. (For each different book there would be separate groups of ten.) Once a week, Thursday afternoon as it stands, these ten men would meet and discuss what they had been reading and/or any personal problem they might have that was related to this portion of the book. Sort of a Group-therapeutic, Biblio-therapeutic combination, which we call, simply, Group-Discussion. I have recently attempted to institute this program within the JUMP program and all efforts have been completely successful. Mr. Carpino and Mr. Dwight, Deputy Warden, have given me full support and Mr. Miles, Director of Education, has furnished ten columns of "Mental Health and Human Relations in Education."

Dr. Fischer, a psychiatrist at Warm Springs, has told me that he would speak before the group and it is my intention to contact Mental Hygiene Clinics throughout the state and have some of the "experts" speak before the group.

Any man interested in this group need only give me his name and he can join the group. We will exclude "no" man and everyone can learn a lot!

The first group is reading the book "Must You Conform" and the second group, the above mentioned book, both of which were furnished by Mr. Miles. The future groups will be provided for as the need arises.

To Mr. Dwight, Mr. Carpino and Mr. Miles, I would like to express our thanks for making these groups possible.

Marion F. Waddell,  
JUMP Chmn.

### CONSERVATION & SIGNS

In the past few weeks we have had two very good, educational films from the Department of Health and Welfare. Both of these films dealt with water pollution and what is being done in different parts of the country to counteract this detriment to our natural resources.

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They showed what progress is being made in the removal of waste from our water supplies and the regeneration of natural resources that were once put to a complete waste by water pollution.

These were exceptionally good films on this subject and we hope to have more on this and other subjects in the near future. It is also hoped that we can get a bit more participation from the members, along with more members to participate!

The lumber has arrived for the Hobby Shop signs but it will be after the holidays before we can get started on the construction of these signs. Be prepared to go out on the work party if you are called upon to do so.

Richard A. Fandrich,  
Comm. Dev. Chmn.

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#### PARADE OF CITIES

I have come up with four-hundred and fifteen points now on Parade of Cities and hope to have more very soon. We are in the process of contacting Vern Pomeroy, State Chairman, so that we may receive confirmation on these points we have to date.

William Tully, Co-Chairman, and I will do our best to get these points recorded and confirmed but it is up to you, the members, to earn the points. We are leading the Parade of Cities race in the State, now lets stay up there and show what MP Jaycees can do!

Donald Falk,  
Parade of Cities Chmn.

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JAYCEE WEEK, the annual anniversary observance of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, starts next month during the week of January 17th through the 23rd, 1965, at Montana State Prison, Zoel Snow, President, has announced.

A highlight of the week's events will be the presentation of a Distinguished Services Award to Montana State Prison's most outstanding inmate, an inmate who has made outstanding and lasting contributions to the institution and its inmates. The nominations will be made by: Father Beatty; Reverend Rex; Mr. H. D. Fanning, Employment and Placement Officer; Mr. Bob Miles, Director of Education; Social Service; Inside and Outside A.A.; Inside and Outside Brotherhood; and Toastmasters; each as individual groups. These ten nominators will each turn in the

name of the man they think has contributed most to the institution and these nominees will be screened and judged by: Mr. Ed Ellsworth Jr., Warden; Mr. Earl Wahl, Mayor of Deer Lodge; Mr. Tom Sampson, member of the Deer Lodge Jaycees; Mr. James Fleming, inmate representative; and Walter Wellman, M. P. Jaycee Representative.

The decision of these five men will be final and the award is to be presented by one of them, representing the population as a whole.

Speakers who have been invited to this presentation, are: Walter P. Bahr, State President, Montana Junior Chamber of Commerce; Gil Magilke, State Vice President; Jim Bailey, National Director; and it is hoped that Mr. Reuben L. Dwight, Deputy Warden will also speak before the group.

There will be four guest speaker certificates awarded, nine certificates of appreciation, to the nominees, and one Distinguished Services Award will be presented to the Outstanding Inmate.

The Montana Prison Jaycees extend an invitation to the entire inmate population to attend the D.S.A. Presentation Program.

James R. Young,  
Jaycee Week & D.S.A. Chmn.

Larry Foss has left our fine community to join some foreign chapter, Missoula or something like that. We did however, have time to make him a marked man before he left. We fixed him; we made him a Jaycee of the Month.

He may never live it down but we had to do something to him. Just look at his record, "the guy likes to do work!" And besides, "he does 'good' work!"

Larry's another one of these people who work on all of the money-making projects, holds charmanships and does a fairly good job with them all. He earned 279 SPOKE points, and he has brought over fifteen members into the club.

Now, Mr. Foss, I am even going to say that oft frowned upon phrase: Thanks for the fine work you have done and welcome to the ranks of 'outstanding Jaycees'.

We would have used your photo but we were afraid the Elks or Lions or one of those other organizations would find out who you are and get to you before you got signed up with the Missoula Jaycees.

# Jaycee of the Month



Richard Fandrich, Jaycee of the Month for Nov., 1964. Fanny joined our chapter in May of '64 and since then had contributed a great deal as member, chairman and now Director. He has worked on all of the money-making projects and has attended every meeting since May.

As chairman of the M.P. News subscriptions, Fanny received upwards of fifty new subscribers. The Signs project, which comes under the Community Development program, has been his responsibility and he is doing very well on that. The Conservation films you have seen have been procured through his efforts, he has 284 SPOKE points and now Fanny is a member of the Board of Directors.

Thanks for all of your work and welcome to the ranks of "OUTSTANDING JAYCEES!"

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Statistics tell us that of the people who enter into marriage, 50% of them are women! Isn't that nice!

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"Frisch begonnen, halb gewonnen."

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Last month's quote was French.

"Patience is bitter, but its reward is sweet."

M.P.

# EXTRA Newsletter



M. F. W. Ed.

Nov. 15, 1964

Gil Magilke, State Vice-President  
District Meeting Special District #3

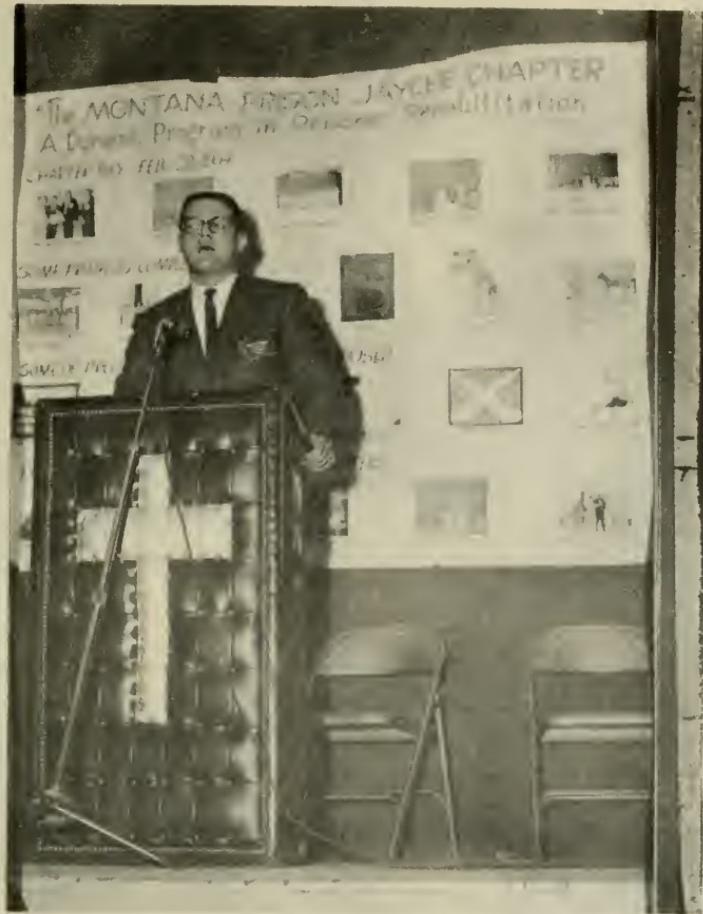
Minutes of the November 15, '64  
District Meeting, of District #3.

The meeting was called to order  
by Gil Magilke, State Vice-Presi-  
dent.

Outside Jaycees present were:  
Homer Staves, Jack L. LaJoie, Pete  
Winchel, Tom Adams, Ron Merwin,  
Lyle Grimes, William Maron, Robert  
Baker, and Gil Magilke from Miss-  
oula; Bob Cole, Dale Smith, Thomas  
Salau, Bud Thompson, and James  
Bailey from Hamilton; Bill Hover,  
Vern Pomeroy, Dick Pitman, Richard  
Miller, and G. W. Wilson from Deer  
Lodge; Norman Williams, Bob Hill,  
and Roy McKenzie from Thompson  
Falls; Al Thain, Warren Wagner, and  
Larry Shimmire from Warm Springs;  
Gary Browning, and Bill Strange of  
Stevensville; Harrison Fagg, Nat'l  
Vice-President, and Don Woodley of  
Billings; Walter Bahr, State Pres-  
ident, from Kalispell; Jack Hanley

and Jim Wells from Helena; and Dick Milne from the Great Falls. The total attendance was 79.





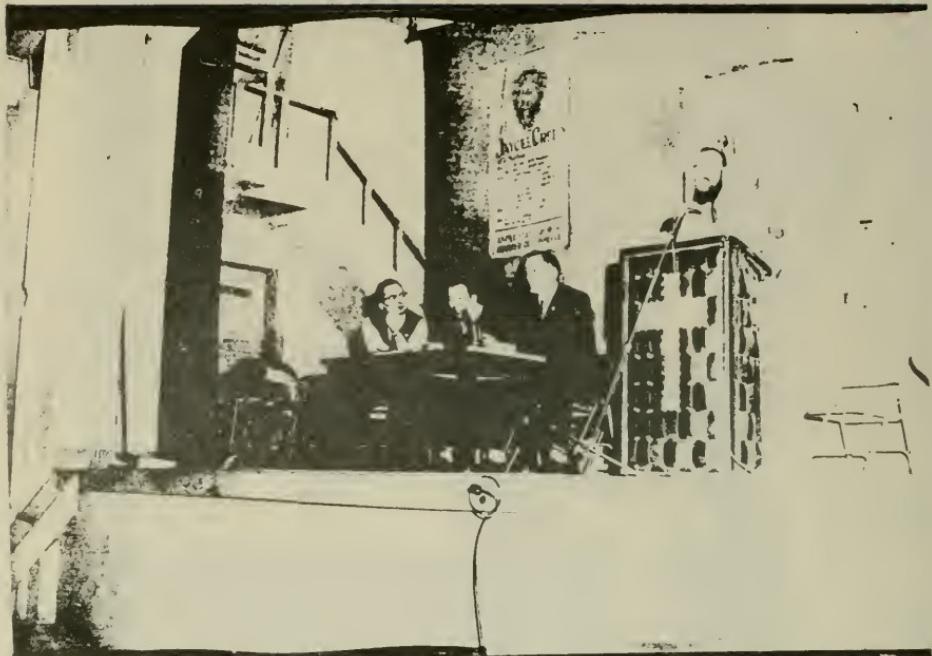
Gil took a moment to introduce the State and National Officers and Directors. National Director, Jim Bailey from Hamilton, and State Vice-Presidents, Dick Milne of Great Falls and Jack Hanley from Helena.

#### ORIENTATION AND LEADERSHIP

Jim Bailey and a panel consisting of Lyle Grimes, who is a National Chairman, Dick Pittman, President of the Deer Lodge Jaycees, and Ron Merwin, Vice President of the Missoula chapter.

Jim iterated how important good orientation programs were and that new men should not be just taught, in the narrow sense, but they should be trained to lead.

Lyle discussed the Leadership Training program and put his ideas across so well that Bob Baker of Missoula asked the price of the Leadership Training portfolios and a member from Thompson Falls wanted to know if he could get one after the meeting!



Dick Pittman had a different approach. He said the above mentioned program involved too much time and that he thought, "Letting the man lead is the best Leadership Training."





Zoel Snow led the Jaycee Creed.

Gil then introduced Ed Ellsworth, Jr., Warden, and Mr. Ellsworth gave the opening remarks.



He said this inside Jaycee chapter has done more for Public Relations than any club that has ever been in the institution; the Toys for Tots program has been in news

papers all over the state; and that the administration has received numerous letters from other prisons requesting information on this Jaycee chapter.

Walt Bahr was welcomed by the members present and an apology was on the lips of every MP Jaycee. (Walt, I am sure, was aware of this apology even tho' it has not been expressed untill now.)



Our president stated that the purpose of this meeting was for the Jaycees of the district to review what we have done so far this year. In going over these programs, Walt said, we will not only communicate our ideas to one-another, we will be broadening the knowledge of the new members as well as the old.

Gil introduced the next speaker, Homer Staves, International Director, and turned the gavel over to Homer.

The essence of the talk given by Homer was that our communities cover the world. He said that we are effected by the happenings in other parts of the world just as much as by that which happened in our own community, with reference to our immediate geographic local, and that we must work with these people as much as we do those closer to us.

Dick Milne then spoke of the Montana Jaycee organization as a whole. We have three National Directors, an International Director, and twelve State Vice-Presidents with seventy-four chapters, said Dick. With all of this the officers are top echelon but the individual members have top priority when it comes to getting help for organizing ideas into projects and many other things.

He went on to say that new members often ask how one chapter can do so many things at once, which he attributed to the fact that not all of the members work on any one project, except in rare cases, and that they could have just a few men on each, and some on more than one, project. To the question, "Where?", he said the members create the projects; few go from the National level to the local but many go from the local level to the National



Ron Merwin, on Orientation, said it should be developed to let a new man know what Jaycees are and do. We should not introduce and ignore a member, we should do our part in introducing him, then let him know what he can and must do and then help him do it. Once he has done something notable don't pat him on the back and wait for him to do more, Give him the recognition he deserves and you will not have to wait for him to do more; he will know his work is appreciated and do more. His community should also know what he is doing, Publicity is Important!



Lyle used an analogy between small businesses and the Jaycee chapters and projects as the basis of his topic of Orientation and possible club failures.

He said small business failures are usually due to the fact that the man begins in the full swing but when the swing is extended beyond his immediate reach he cannot control it. It was his responsibility to have the help he needed before he began. He did not have the support until too late if he waited for the situation to get beyond his control before seeking support. In short, "a man must expand after the business begins to develop but not after it is too developed." The man must also know exactly what is happening in his business and businesses comparable in size to his own. If he is not aware of these things he may be losing and not know it!

Jim called for questions and a number of them arose, which were aptly answered by himself and the panel.

The floor was then turned back to Gil.

Harrison Fagg, National Vice-President, arrived late because of the meeting at Madison, South Dakota, and bad weather in the eastern part of the state. Don Woodley, one of our past Jaycee of the Month men, arrived with him. Gil introduced Harrison and gave him the floor.



### "LESS THAN 5% of the ELIGIBLE MEN

Harrison began by asking that we, the MP Jaycees, compile whatever information we can to provide other prison or local chapters with the information needed to extend a prison chapter. This has already been done but we can up-date the article to include our latest R & R's and projects. Also this District Meeting.

Membership was the theme Harrison spoke most of. He stressed the vital import of obtaining new members, and stated that each Jaycee in the state could, and should, get a new member weekly. (This goal seems a bit high for even if the new members did not bring anyone in this would be 100,000 members in one year. A new member a month is not so difficult, however, and would boost the state membership to 26,000. There is no doubt that we could double our membership if we really tried.)

Harrison said, "less than 5% of the eligible men between the ages of 21 and 36 are now in the Jaycees, why are we not doing more with that other 95%"

Lets not just tell Harrison how much we respect and admire him; lets show him by at least doubling our membership!



-between the ages of 21 and 36."

Gil then moved into the entertainment portion of the meeting.



Refreshments were served and inmates; Oliver Olsen, Richard McFarland, Seav Vinson, and Fred Lowery provided live music for the program portion.

The outside Jaycees got a chance to meet and talk with the MP Jaycees, which was to our enlightenment and enjoyment.

After order was restored, Gil moved back into the business portion of the meeting. As time was running short Gil called upon the next panel and asked that discussion be limited.

Moderator, Dick Pitman, President of the Deer Lodge Jaycees, had a panel consisting of; Walt Bahr, Lyle Grimes, Bob Cole, and Mark Swope. Dick chose to use a question-and-answer method of discussing the SPOKE & Spark-Plug section of the manual. All of the questions brought up on the floor were answered by Dick and the panel and everyone present gained knowledge on the purpose and results of good SPOKE & Spark-Plug programs for recognition.

Gil received the floor and turned it over to Jack Hanley, State Vice-President.

Jack's topic was church attendance. He said that portfolios are being provided for TV and radio advertisement to encourage more people to attend church. He also stated that Jaycees should be attending church as often as possible.

The Community Development portion of the manual was covered by Bob Baker and Bob Cole. Bob Baker pointed out the importance of the survey and analysis method of determining what projects are needed and can be handled by any chapter. He also stressed the import of good Public Relations programs.

Bob Cole spoke on the National Awards, iterating what awards were available and how they are won.

Ron Merwin, Bud Thompson, and Bob Cole covered Extensions. Bob told how Darby was extended through many trips and a lot of work by his chapter, and how they are doing the follow-up work so that they can help Darby get off to a good start.

Ron explained the Missoula Jaycees efforts in extending St. Ignatius and said they were close to having just about enough support in that community to extend the chapter.

Bud said the most important thing in helping an exten-

ded chapter be a success was to "Get them active on projects."

Zoel Snow, Moderator, with a panel consisting of; Walt Bahr, Jim Bailey and Gil Magilke covered State & National Services.

Zoel had a word of thanks for all of the Montana Jaycees for the support they have given the MP Jaycees in the past; the support, without which, we could never have begun.

The prison members had to leave early and Walt wanted to say a few words to them. He thanked us for our work and gave recognition to Larry Foss, one of our members, for bringing in 20 new members.

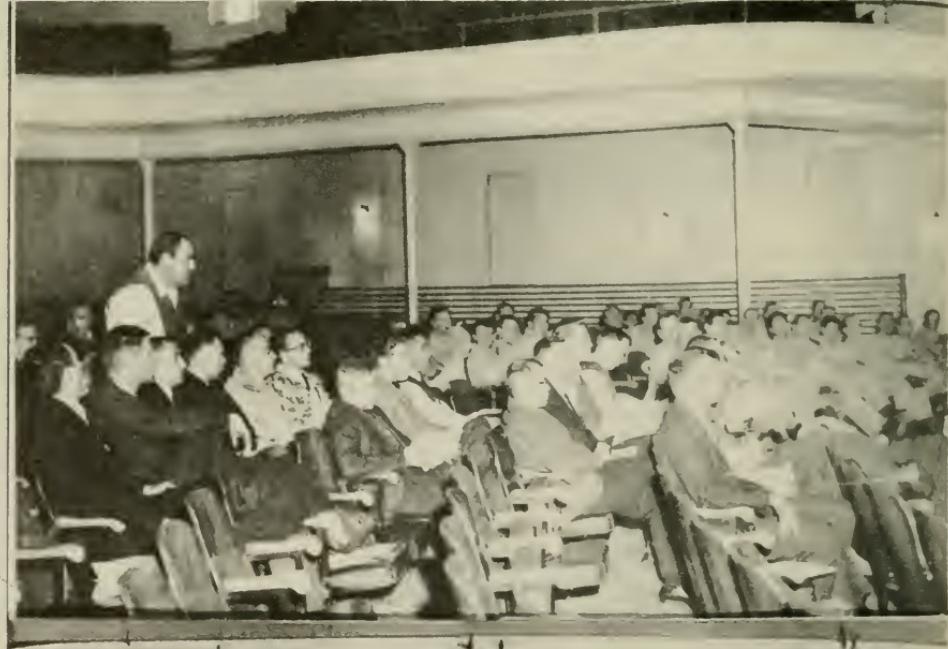
Walt went on to talk about the Rights people have. He said that with any Right comes an equal Responsibility. Our Responsibilities are to the World, our Nation, our State, our Community and our Families. We have Rights within these bounds according to the Responsibilities we are willing to accept.

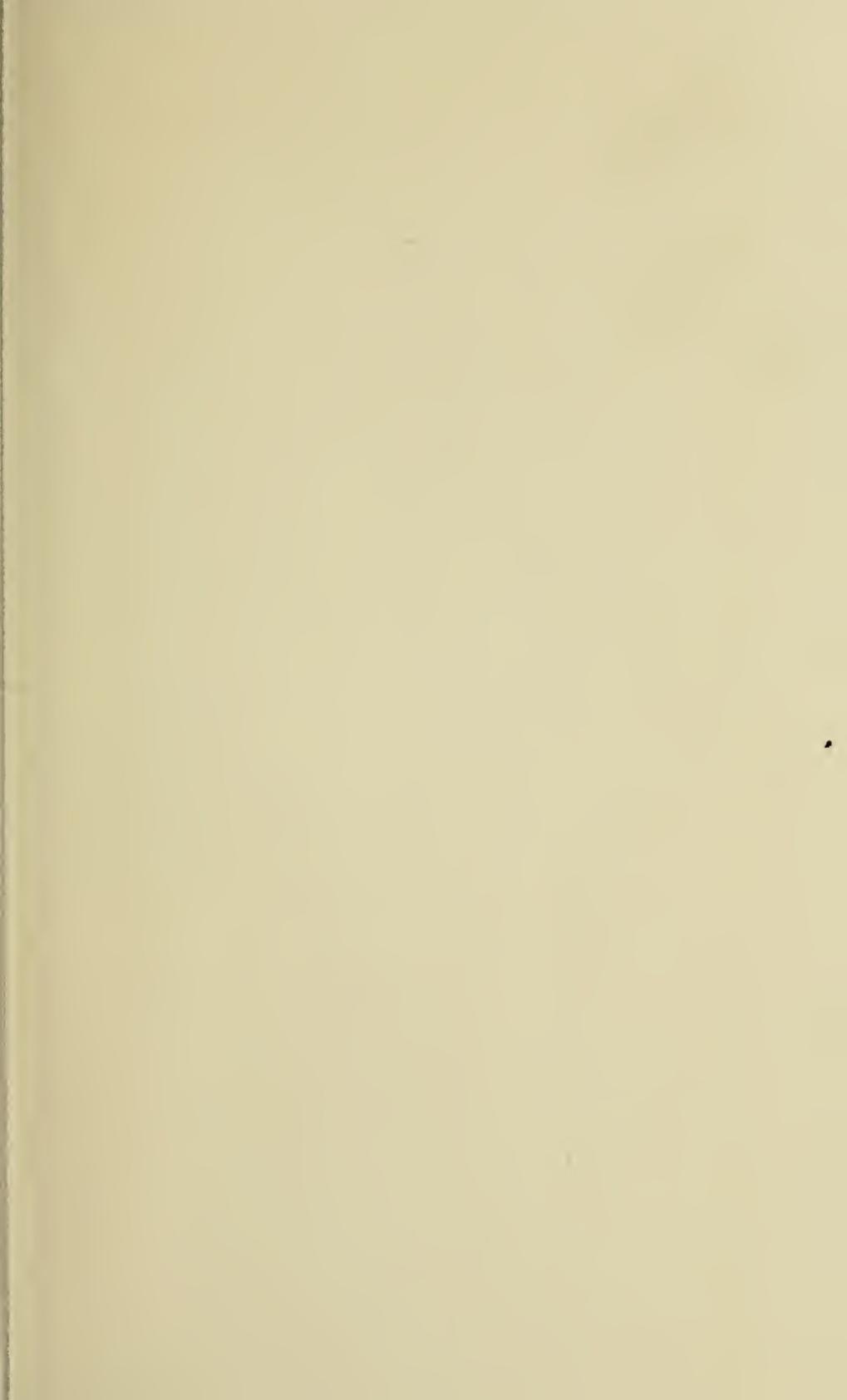
Gil and Jim had more to say after our departure, the context of which is unknown to me.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

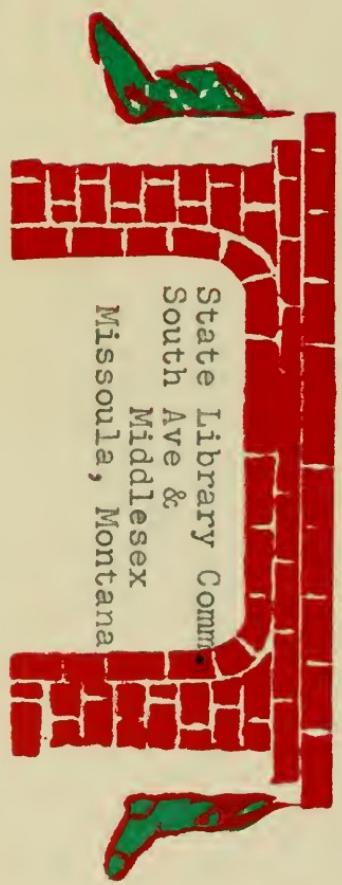
The meeting was adjourned.

I would like to thank all of you for participating!





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